



WHILE IT WAS PUBLISHED UNDER HARRY HOUDINI'S BYLINE...

... "ENTOMBED WITH THE PHARAOHS" WAS GHOSTWRITTEN BY HOWARD PHILLIPS LOVECRAFT.



LOVECRAFT WAS AN AUTHOR OF GHASTLY FICTION...

... MOST FREQUENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE PAGES OF *WEIRD TALES* MAGAZINE.



HIS WORK WAS SO HIDEOUS AND BIZARRE...

... PRESENTED IN SUCH A MATTER-OF-FACT NARRATIVE...



... THAT SOME OF HIS READERS BELIEVED HE WAS PENNING ACTUAL ACCOUNTS RATHER THAN FICTION.



HIS STORIES, THOUGH, WERE DRAWN FROM HIS OWN LABYRINTHINE MIND...





...QUITE LITERALLY  
THE STUFF OF  
NIGHTMARE.







GAYLE ARGYLE... THE MYSTIC KNOWN IN SOME CIRCLES AS QUEEN NITOCRIS...



...WAS MURDERED RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.

BEFORE I LEFT HER HOME, I PROCURED A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS...



...INCLUDING ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT PAGES FOR THE STORY LOVECRAFT WROTE FOR HARRY.

THE STORY, IT WOULD SEEM, WAS AS MUCH A WARNING AS IT WAS A PIECE OF FICTION...



...NOTES SCRAWLED IN THE MARGINS PRESENTING A RIDDLE...

...A RIDDLE THAT MIGHT VERY WELL ILLUMINATE THE LAST ILLUSION...



...AND EXPLAIN WHY MAGICIANS MIGHT KILL FOR IT...

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